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LONDON, TO-DAY.

**WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE NAZI OFFICIAL
ENQUIRY INTO THE BOMB EXPLOSION IN
THE MUNICH BEER CELLAR ON THE NIGHT OF
NOVEMBER 8?**

What has become of Captain Best and Major Stevens, the two Britons who were kidnapped by the Nazis at Venloo, on the Dutch frontier, on the evening of November 8?

Since the Gestapo (the Nazi secret police) tried to fasten the responsibility for the explosion on these officers nothing has been heard.

To-day Field-Marshal Goering comes into the picture in connexion with this affair.

Madame Tabouis, the French political commentator, writing in the Paris newspaper "Oeuvre," states that the breach between Hitler and Goering (reliable reports say the latter is now in disgrace) dates from the time Captain Best and Major Stevens were kidnapped.

HITLER'S INQUIRY

The Britons, Madame Tabouis says, kept track of correspondence with Nazi leaders, and Hitler ordered the kidnapped Britons to be questioned at length in order to find out how far Goering's policy differed from his own.

Were the Nazis who, it has been officially admitted, were in touch with Captain Best and Major Stevens, genuine agents of Goering, and were the "peace terms" they wanted to deliver something more real than a pretext to be used later in connexion with the bomb plot and the enquiry into the explosion?

It is officially revealed in London that the two Britons were acting as "postmen" on British Government orders.

They were to collect messages from private sources in Germany.

PROPOSALS RECEIVED

On November 8 Captain Best and Major Stevens were at Venloo.

They received certain proposals which, according to the official account, came from influential quarters in Germany.

A meeting for the next day at the same place was arranged.

In the meantime the bomb had exploded in Munich, missing Hitler by a few minutes.

On the following afternoon the two British officers were waiting at Venloo.

But instead of peace proposals they received an armed attack and were kidnapped.—Reuter.

broken out at Murmansk.

Sounds of gunfire from behind the Russian lines have given rise to rumours that a mutiny is proceeding.

Another report from Salla says that two Soviet regiments engaged in a bloody encounter.

It is thought they mistook each other for Finns.—Reuter.

GERMAN LINER TO RUN GAUNTLET?

Mexico City, To-day.
The 10,000-ton Hamburg-American liner Orinoco, which is now in Tampico, is apparently preparing to put to sea as soon as possible.

She is taking on board supplies of food and fuel sufficient for a long cruise, and it is believed she intends to slip out of port about January 8.—Reuter.

RUMOURS OF SOVIET MUTINY

London, To-day.

Further reports of a revolt in the Russian lines in the Salla sector of the northern front are contained in a semi-official statement from Helsinki.

The statement declares that Russian aeroplanes were forced to bomb and machine-gun their own troops in this area.

It adds that there has also been fierce fighting between Russian infantry detachments, and while the shooting was going on, shouts and cries could be heard.—Reuter.

GUNFIRE BEHIND LINES

Paris, To-day.
Reports from Stockholm state that a detachment of Finnish troops has reached the Leningrad-Murmansk railway, which they have damaged, interrupting transport and stopping food supplies.

The reports add that a revolt has

GOVERNOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

The New Year dawns in the early months of another Great War, a war which we British and our French Allies have taken upon ourselves so that the just and secure peace of which His Majesty the King spoke of nobly on Christmas Day may reign in the world. It may well be that before it is won that war will continue for as many years as it has as yet seen months: But won it must be, whatever the cost of life and wealth and comfort; for until the victory for peace, freedom and justice has been gained, war, or the prospect of war will continue to govern our lives.

In that cause then we must withhold nothing in order that, again to quote the King "freedom of spirit may be saved to the world." Only with our hearts so set shall we be able to achieve really and fully the sincere wish which I venture to send to all in the Colony "A Happy New Year."

COUNT CIANO OFF TO BUDAPEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Budapest, To-day.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, has left Rome and is due here ostensibly on a "hunting trip."—Havas.

S.M.C. CHANGE

Shanghai, To-day.

Owing to illness Mr. G. E. Mitchell has resigned from the Municipal Council, and Mr. J. H. Liddell has been co-opted to take his place.

Mr. Liddell was a member of the Council in 1934 and 1935.—Reuter.

LT. COLONEL FIELD, R.A. BADLY HURT

Lt.-Colonel F. D. Field, M.C., of the Royal Artillery, was seriously injured last night at about 11.30 p.m. when the car he was driving, No. 266, collided with a tram standard in Queen's Road East.

The circumstances of the collision are still being investigated.

The accident occurred near the Army Ordnance Depot, opposite Wellington Barracks, and Lt.-Col. Field was taken to the Military Hospital in a serious condition.

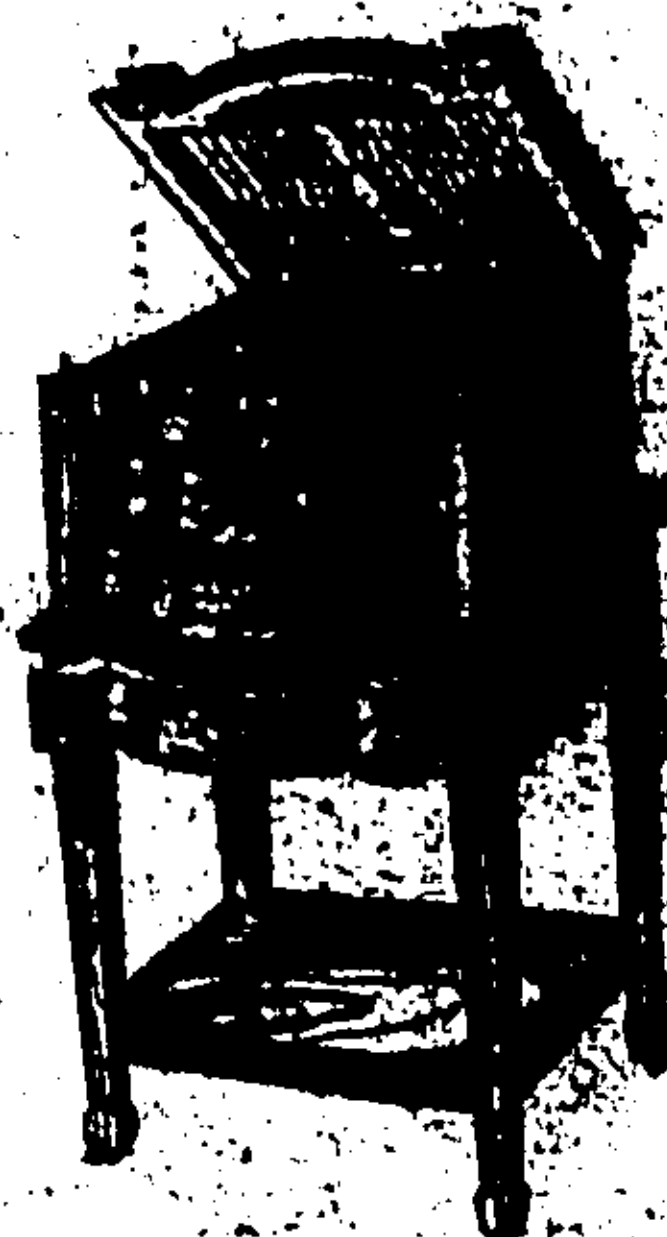
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R.A.F. WATCH ON MINE-SOWERS

London, Dec. 14.
Using their formidable bomber-fighters, the R.A.F. have established a "security patrol" from dusk to dawn over the German seaplane mine-laying bases in islands off the German coast.

This disclosure was made yesterday in the following Air Ministry announcement:

"Royal Air Force security patrols were continuously maintained last night over German mine-laying aircraft bases in the Heligoland Bight.

"The patrols were carried out over the seaplane bases at the islands of Sylt, Borkum and Norderney to interrupt the activities of mine-laying aircraft operating from these bases.

"Despite considerable anti-aircraft opposition, the operations were successfully performed."

Sylt lies to the extreme north of Germany close to Denmark, and the other two islands are 120 miles away to the north-west, where Germany joins Holland.

Heligoland is about 300 miles' flying distance from the English coast. The islands command the approaches to Hamburg, Bremen and the entrance to the Kiel Canal.

BOMBERS' FIRE POWER

As the patrol planes flew back and forth ready to swoop on any machine which attempted to take off on its mine-dropping mission, they would cross the Heligoland Bight, with its two small islands, Rock and Dune, which lie about midway on the "beat."

The British planes chosen to carry out the patrols are bombers, equipped with extremely heavy fighting powers, able to meet any challenge from German fighters.

They have multiple gun-turrets from which a terrific hail of fire can be poured upon any enemy aircraft.

Even the German Messerschmitt fighters have been proved time and again to be far inferior to the British planes.

The R.A.F. patrols' purpose is to prevent the Nazi mine-sowing planes from slipping out of their bases. As soon as there is any attempt to move off by the German planes they are in danger of the

loosening of salvo after salvo of bombs.

GERMAN ADMISSION

This was the first time that the Air Ministry had used the term "security patrol" and their first announcement of a continuous patrol.

Yesterday's German High Command communique admitted that British planes carried out a raid on the Heligoland Bight on Tuesday night. It added:

"Anti-aircraft fire from the islands to the north and from the German battleships obliged the enemy to return without having reached the German North Sea coast."

The presence of the R.A.F. patrols may explain the sudden cessation of broadcasting by the two independent Deutschlandsender stations at Bremen and Hamburg. They faded-out in the middle of the English news bulletins and were silent until the early morning.

ANOTHER CLUE TO 'HAW-HAW'

A German teacher who caused an outcry in Scotland by his lectures on Nazism to students of Coatbridge Secondary School, is believed by many of his former pupils to be the Hamburg radio announcer popularly dubbed "Haw-Haw."

He is Dr. Helmut Hoffman, who came from Hamburg two years ago under a student teachers' exchange system.

He taught German at Hamilton Academy and Dalziel High School, Motherwell, but it was his lectures at Coatbridge which caused so much feeling that slogans demanding his withdrawal were chalked in the streets.

Publication of the lectures in the Scottish Press, however, showed that they were innocuous as propaganda.

Dr. Thomas Wright, head master of the school stated that he doubted whether Dr. Hoffman's English could be as polished as that of "Lord Haw-Haw," of whose diction, however, he had heard only by repute, having not yet listened to any of his broadcasts.

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"EXPRESS" AND "MAIL" OBJECT TO FOOD RATIONING

London, To-day.

THE RATIONING OF FOOD was the subject of comment in the British press yesterday, following the announcement that sugar would be rationed from January 8, together with bacon and butter.

While most of the papers accept the rationing as a necessary measure to conserve the war effort, the "Daily Mail" and the "Daily Express" take the other line, and say that it is not necessary.

The majority of the papers emphasize the Minister of Food's statement that rationing means a fair distribution.

"The Times" says that the rationing will give more room in British ships for other imports necessary to the war effort. There are other foods which can be obtained more easily; jam is outside the sugar ration.

Concerning meat rationing, "The Times" welcomes the assurance that the scheme for controlling meat and livestock will be operated by traders, not bureaucrats.

NATIONAL EFFORT

The "Daily Telegraph" describes the scheme as part of the contribution the home consumer makes to the national effort. Everyone will get an equal share.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that it is a proper decision to make. Rationing has to come if the war is to last any time, and one might as well act officially and openly instead of by back-stairs methods.

The "News Chronicle" says that the rationing will not seriously alter the standard of living. Rationing will prevent that scramble for supplies in which the poorest go to the wall.—Reuter.

BRITISH MINERS PAY DEMANDS

London, To-day.

British miners held a meeting yesterday and rejected the wage increase offer made by the mine-owners.

They were offered an increase of a shilling a shift per man and from 4d. to 6d. a shift for heavies.

The miners have decided to keep pressing for periodic increases to keep pace with the rise in the cost of living.—Reuter.

BEST DOLLAR'S WORTH

The 1940 Hong Kong Dollar Directory is now on sale.

In years past the practice has been to issue the Directory in February or March, but this edition has been produced earlier in order to give advertisers the benefit of the extra months and to enable subscribers to have the latest information as soon as possible.

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GERMAN AMBASSADOR RECALLED

Rome, To-day.

Dr. von Mackensen, the German Ambassador to Rome, has left for Berlin, where he is expected to see Hitler and other government members.—Reuter.

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HOW ANOTHER U-BOAT WAS DESTROYED: AIR AID TO SURFACE WARSHIPS

Paris, To-day.

HOW A BRITISH COASTAL plane co-operated in the sinking of a German U-boat by the 630-ton French sloop Commandant Duboc, is described in the newspaper "Le Journal."

The Commandant Duboc, which was launched two years ago, was mentioned in the official French communique on Wednesday, together with the French destroyer Sirocco and La Railleuse, which between them sank another German submarine.

The Commandant Duboc at the time was escorting a merchant convoy in a calm sea and with a slight breeze blowing.

Suddenly the listening post picked up high in the sky the sound of a seaplane, which appeared to be signalling.

The men on watch, however, experienced difficulty in understanding the signals, owing to the plane's height.

Then they saw the plane drop smoke shells on the water.

SINKS IN WHIRLPOOL

Quickly getting up steam, the sloop reached the zone where the plane believed it had discovered "the dark and crafty looking form of some steel-like shark lying in wait for the convoy."

After dropping depth charges, which sent up spouts of water, the sloop did not have to wait long for the result.

The submarine came to the surface completely on its side, and the crew saw the vessel for several moments before it disappeared in an enormous whirlpool.

SIROCCO EXPLOIT

The exploit of the Sirocco and La Railleuse has a number of points in common to that of the Commandant Duboc.

The destroyers were also convoying in a calm sea, but in their case visibility was poor.

In the same way as the British seaplane, a French reconnaissance plane, which was flying ahead of the convoy, dropped a smoke shell.

The commander of the Sirocco at once gave the order to the merchantmen to steer a zig-zag course, while he sent his ship speeding at 25 knots towards the spot where the shell had fallen.

At the same time he began to drop depth charges.

The hull of the submarine appeared on the surface about a quarter of a mile away, and then disappeared.

TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION

The Sirocco continued to drop depth charges as it sped on.

Oil was seen on the surface of the sea.

La Railleuse raced to the zone, also dropping depth charges.

Suddenly a tremendous explosion was heard, and through the mist the crews of the destroyers saw about 10 feet of the forepart of the submarine shoot vertically out of the water.

Finally it sank back into the waves. —Reuter.

CLOTHING FOR POLISH REFUGEES

London, To-day.

The first shipment from Britain of clothing for Polish refugees arrived in Hungary and Rumania yesterday. Altogether, 100,000 articles of clothing are being sent. — Reuter.

SENATE VOTES ARMY BUDGET

Paris, To-day.

The Senate yesterday unanimously voted the military budget for the first quarter of 1940, which had already been passed by the Chamber.

The Premier, M. Daladier, in a brief address to the Senate before the vote, said he did not want the credit to be voted without paying a deserving tribute to the soldiers.

France was determined to finish with the rule of force and the policy of rapine and murder.

France would demand material and positive guarantees without which she would not disarm.

M. Daladier also emphasised the effort made by Britain, and said that Anglo-French co-operation existed in all corners of the world. — Reuter.

BELCHERS ST: ROBBERY

AN ARMED ROBBERY OCCURRED AT 7.30 A.M. TO-DAY IN BELCHERS STREET, WEST POINT. THE ROBBERS ESCAPING WITH \$3,200 IN LOCAL CURRENCY.

The victim was Kong Chung-wah, 30, proprietor of the Nam Hing Cattle Dealers, No. 56D, Belchers Street.

The robbers were armed with three daggers and one revolver. They fled in the direction of Kennedy Town.

The police found two daggers discarded by the men, in the neighbourhood.

POPE'S HISTORIC MEETING

Rome, To-day.

The Italian papers yesterday gave two whole pages to the meeting of Pope Pius and the King and Queen of Italy.

Although Signor Mussolini was not present, he is represented as having desired the reconciliation. — Reuter.

U-BOAT ATTACK ON USKMOUTH

London, To-day.

How a U-boat shelled the crew of the British steamer Uskmouth as they pulled away in their boat was described in London yesterday.

The Uskmouth was attacked in the Bay of Biscay at about 11 o'clock one clear night. Thanks to the cleverness of those on the bridge, the Uskmouth successfully dodged three torpedoes fired at them, and the U-boat then began to shell them from a range of about 300 yards.

As the crew got into the lifeboats, the U-boat used shrapnel, killing an officer and a seaman, injuring several others, and smashing the port lifeboat.

The remainder of the crew managed to get into a starboard lifeboat and after sailing for 150 miles were picked up by an Italian vessel.

A French warship 65 miles away heard the Uskmouth's "SOS" and dashed to the scene; she is believed to have sunk the U-boat. — Reuter.

HUGE WAR SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

PRESS REPORTS FROM NEW YORK STATE THAT HUGE SUPPLIES OF WAR MATERIALS ARE POURING IN STATEN ISLAND FOR EVENTUAL SHIPMENT TO THE ALLIES.

The Daily Herald states: "Acres of land are now covered with ranks of drab green lorries destined for the French Army. Three thousand have already arrived while 6,000 more are due shortly."

"Twenty-five thousand tons of Argentine beef for Britain are filling the warehouses."

"Scores of reconnaissance planes and huge bombers are ready for shipment and more are arriving daily. Giant steam shovels for trench digging are ready to leave for France." — Havas.

BELGO-DUTCH TRADE PROBLEMS

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Netherlands Minister of Economic Affairs left The Hague yesterday for Brussels, where he is to meet his opposite number and discuss with him co-operation between the Netherlands and Belgium. — Reuter.

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FEAT OF "SUICIDE SQUAD"

Break Through And Cut Murmansk Railway Line

RED ARMY NOW RETREATING IN DISORDER

London, To-day.

THE REPORT THAT A Finnish "suicide squad" has penetrated the Russian lines and cut the Murmansk railway proves correct, writes Reuter's military correspondent, and the food and materials of the Soviet forces in the north will be endangered.

The Russian supply organisation has never been good, and with such a strategic railway out of action even temporarily, a debacle equivalent to a major defeat on the battlefield might well be produced.

In Helsinki yesterday the Russians were reported to be retreating in disorder in the Hoyaenjarvi region, in the far north, mainly as a consequence of the shortage of food supplies, rendering the troops less able to withstand the intense cold.

Russian planes were again active along the coast in the morning, but little damage was done and no casualties are reported.

No air raid alarm was given in the capital; the fact that Helsinki has not been subject to a determined air attack during the past few days is leading to the belief that the Russians fear reprisals against Leningrad, which is reported to be practically without anti-aircraft defences. — Reuter.

SOVIET TROOPS MASSING IN TWO SECTORS

Helsinki, To-day.
Soviet troops are reported to be massing in two sectors, on the Cen-

tral (Soumoussalmi) front and south of the Mannerheim Line.

The Soviet aeroplanes took advantage of the fine weather in southern Finland to carry out many air raids, the important town of Hango getting its 45th raid of the war.

Fighting on the Karelian Isthmus has been bitter during the week. On Wednesday, the Soviets lost two whole companies in an attempt to turn a flank on the northern end of the Mannerheim Line.

The concentration at the other end leads to the belief that the Soviets have abandoned the attempt in the northern part of the line and are now going to try and drive through to Viborg.

During the night, Soviet long-range artillery resumed the bombing of Viborg. It has been silent for some days, and the Finns were beginning to think that possibly they had put the Soviet guns out of action. — Reuter.

SOVIET'S NEW C.-IN-C. IN FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Moscow correspondent of the "Daily Express" says that the War Commissar, Marshal Klim Voroshilov, has decided to appoint General Stern head of the military operations in Finland, replacing General Merejkov.

General Stern was appointed commander-in-chief of the Soviet Far Eastern army a few months ago, and commanded the Red troops at the time of the incidents on the Soviet-Manchukuo border. — Havas.

AIR RAID CASUALTIES VERY FEW

Copenhagen, To-day.

In an interview with a Danish paper, the Chief Air Raids Precautions Officer of Finland said that they had lost only 100 civilian casualties during the war in air raids.

He attributed this low death roll to the well-organized air raid shelters and defence, and to the fact that over half a million people had enrolled in A.R.P. work before the war began. — Reuter.

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS

His Excellency the Governor has approved the relinquishment by the following gentlemen of their Commissions in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force:—

Lieutenant Gerard Horace Gandy.
Probationary Lieutenant Robert Lucian Moncrieff, November, 1939.

Acting Lieutenant John Douglas,
Acting Sub-Lieutenant John Jackson,
Acting Sub-Lieutenant Hugh Campbell Frederick Dawes, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant James Ernest Harvey, 1939.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Cecil Herbert Hooper, 1939.

His Excellency the Governor has made the following appointment in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force:—To be Acting Sub-Lieutenant, Cedric Arthur Lacy Rickett.

H.K.V.D.C. PROMOTIONS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, 1939:—

Private John William Fitz-Gerald to be Lieutenant of an Auxiliary Unit; Company Sergeant Major William Stoker to be Second Lieutenant.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased, under instructions from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to appoint Mr. James Roger Godfrey Wyatt to act as Nautical Surveyor and Examiner of Masters and Mates, with effect from the 1st January, 1940. His Excellency has appointed Mr. Donald Gordon Cairns to act as Chief Boarding Officer.

"ATHENIA" STILL IN THE "NEWS"

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
"THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS STILL HOPEFUL THAT FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE SINKING OF THE ATHENIA WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A CONCLUSIVE REPORT ON THE MATTER," SAID THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, TO REUTER YESTERDAY.

Mr. Hull was referring to a report in the Hearst newspapers that after the investigation "by United States agencies" no definite evidence had yet been produced that the Athenia was torpedoed.

Privately, American officials believe there is little doubt that the Athenia was sunk by a German submarine, but in view of the darkness and confusion at the time of the sinking it is felt it may be not be possible to draw up any indictment of the German action based on testimony acceptable in a court of law, despite the moral certainty that Germany was responsible.

Nobody believes the German propaganda story that Britain sank one of its own ships, mainly filled with British people and Canadians. — Reuter.

THE GAZETTE

The following official appointments, etc. are gazetted:—

Mr. H. J. Pearce to be an Assistant Director of Public Works.

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop to be an Executive Engineer.

Dr. N. C. Macleod to be Deputy Director of Health Services.

Mr. C. W. Jeffries resumed duty as Director, Royal Observatory.

Mr. B. D. Evans resumed duty as Assistant Director, Royal Observatory.

Mr. G. S. P. Heywood resumed duty as Professional Assistant, Royal Observatory.

Mr. H. A. Mills resumed duty as Assistant Postmaster General, etc.

Mr. H. Barrett to act as Superintendent of Prisons.

Inspector J. C. S. Fender to be an Examiner of Weights and Measures, etc.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND THE WAR

Helsinki, To-day.

While Soviet sources continue to be reticent about the progress of operations, and rather suggest that little is happening,—all of which seems to bear out reports of the Russian public's lukewarmness towards the war—the Finnish official news agency yesterday confirmed that Soviet aeroplanes bombed and machine-gunned their own troops on the Central Front on Wednesday. — Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor has approved the following appointments to an Auxiliary Unit of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 16th day of December, 1939:—Captain Ivan Bernhard Trevor, Captain John Patrick Sherry, Lieutenant James Smith, Lieutenant Arthur Edward Perry, Lieutenant Walter Charles Clark.

NEW YEAR



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Snowstorms And Blizzards Add To Quake Tragedy

AREA OF 60,000 SQUARE MILES INVOLVED: MINIMUM DEATHROLL PUT AT 30,000

Ankara, To-day.
SNOW STORMS AND BLIZZARDS are sweeping across stricken Anatolia. Although no official figures of the losses can yet be ascertained, owing to the disrupted communications, the death roll is expected to be well over 30,000.

Sixteen provincial towns, of from 12,000 to 40,000 inhabitants, and over 90 villages have suffered. Martial law has been proclaimed in Anatolia and the soldiers and police are carrying out patrols to prevent pillage, looting, etc.

The Turkish Parliament has made a special grant for relief funds and subscription lists have been opened all over Turkey for the creation of unofficial funds for the same purpose. The Turkish Government plans to move thousands of the stricken people to other parts of the country, where they can be temporarily accommodated.

Messages of sympathy are pouring in from all parts of the globe.

King George VI of England has sent a personal message of condolences to the Turkish Premier, and the British Ambassador in Ankara has been instructed to convey the deep sympathy of His Majesty's Government.

A similar message of condolences has been sent by M. Lebrun, the French Premier. — Reuter.

FURTHER SHOCKS POSSIBLE

Ankara, To-day.
Minimum estimates of the casualties in the earthquake are now given as 30,000.

An area of 60,000 square miles that took the full force of the shocks, resembles one vast open-air hospital and cemetery.

A warning that shocks may recur in the next 10 days and possibly over a longer period, was given by the Director of Istanbul Observatory.

He said the violence of the earthquake showed a geological phenomenon 16 miles deep, which might take a long time to settle into place.

TENS OF THOUSANDS

The full extent of the catastrophe still cannot be estimated, for twisted railway tracks, shattered bridges and

snapped telephone wires, combined with snowstorms and ice-bound roads, are holding up casualty lists and preventing rescue parties reaching the areas where they are most needed.

The whole of Turkey has been thrown into mourning as news is received that the casualties are leaping to tens of thousands. — Reuter.

ROOSEVELT, RELIGION AND PEACE

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt declared yesterday that he would welcome at the White House religious leaders of all faiths who desire to discuss efforts to achieve world peace.

The President expressed the hope that religious leaders would call on him and discuss any peace measures they had in mind. — Reuter.

INTERNMENT OF TACOMA

New York, To-day.
It is reported that authoritative circles in Uruguay say that a decree ordering the internment of the crew of the German tanker Tacoma for the duration of the war will shortly be signed by the President, owing to the fact that the Tacoma was used as a supply ship for the Admiral Graf Spee. — Reuter.

PLANS FOR JEWISH COLONY IN MINDANAO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.
Information gathered from the local office of the Jewish Relief Committee leads to the belief that the number of Jewish refugees, now living in Shanghai and able to settle in Mindanao will be most limited, in view of the fact that the American committee of experts dealing with the question of a Jewish settlement in the Philippines is interested in men between the ages of 18 and 27 with farming experience and preferably bachelors.

Furthermore, they must pledge not to leave their farms for a certain period and not move to large cities.

Professor Reiss, well-known dermatologist and chairman of the medical board of the refugee committee, declared that Mindanao can be considered as agreeable for residence despite the tropical character. Nevertheless, refugees who work there

ROOSEVELT'S SON IN CAR SMASH

Winchester (Va), To-day.
Mr. Franklin Roosevelt Jr. and his wife are reported to have been involved in a motor accident.

The President's son and his wife were driving to Washington from northern Virginia when the accident occurred.

Both were cut and bruised and are now in hospital. — Reuter.

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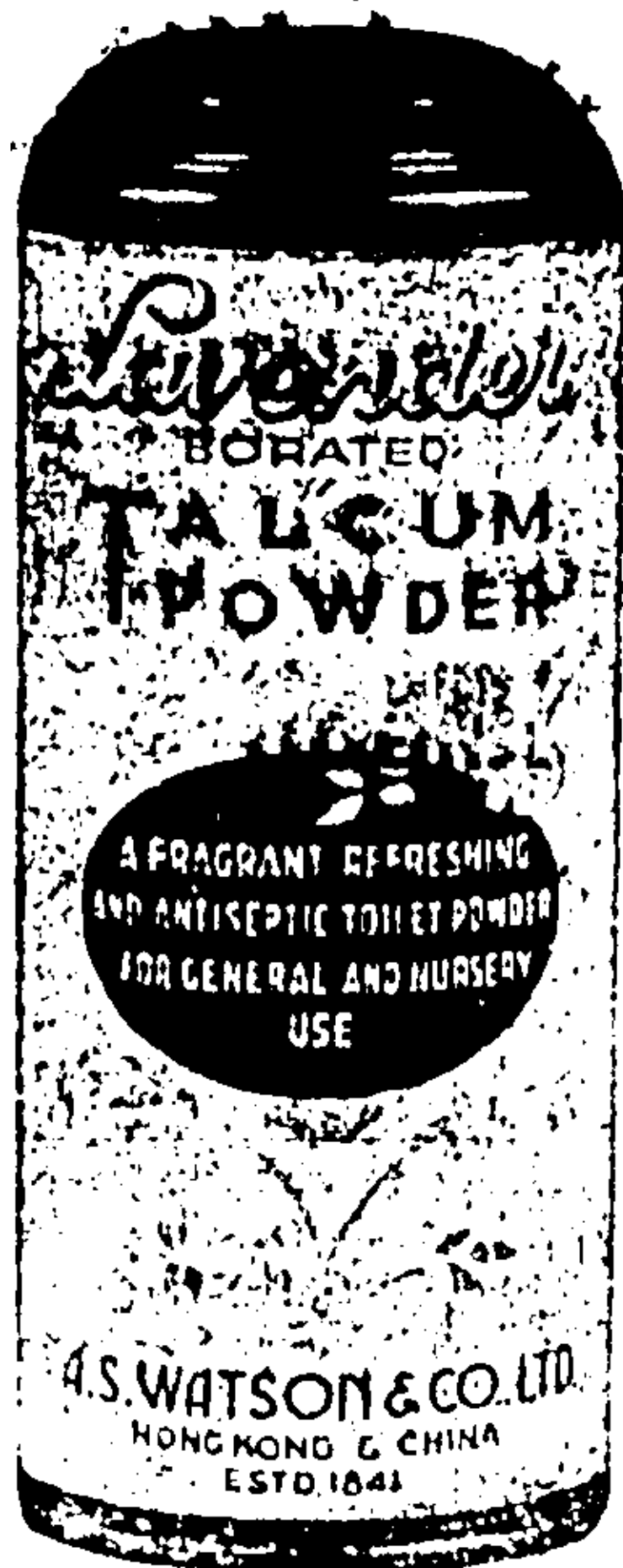
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

POSITIVE POLICY

Our policy towards the neutrals must also have a positive side. The illegal German campaign at sea seeks to forbid the neutrals to trade with us, to draw them farther into the Nazi industrial scheme. The smaller neutrals have no wish for this, but some of them are already dependent on German industry, Holland especially. It must be our aim to open and protect the seas for all who wish to trade with us, and not only to destroy German overseas trade but to root out what she can do by land. We must undercut her in the markets she still has besides filling the markets she has lost. It is doubtful whether we are making our greatest effort here. Turkey is feeling the loss of the German market, Rumania does not wish entirely to depend upon it, while German exports no longer go to South America. German poverty gave her astuteness, and before the war she was driving us out of the field in many parts of the world. There are too many complaints over the poor attention the Government is giving to our fallen export trade; wealth is no insurance against the need for enterprise. We think German exports important enough for her and stop them, and by that we admit the importance of our own to us. The blow to Germany should be great.—"Manchester Guardian."

THE AMERICAS' PROTEST

The protests of the American nations to Great Britain, France and Germany against numerous violations of the safety zone established by the Panama declaration has at last been lodged. It does not appear that they will have much effect, for obviously, unless the zone is accepted by Germany and recognised as an area in which action cannot be taken against Allied shipping, the navies of Great Britain and France will carry on their task of defending it. The safety zone to be completely effective must ensure the prevention of hostile action by any nation, but it has also to be recognised that once its neutrality has been breached by such warlike action as the Admiral Graf Spee's pursuit of the French vessel Formose, the Allies cannot be expected to withhold their hand and refrain from putting a stop to her activities. That was the attitude which undoubtedly led to the attack and dis-

UTOPIAN EUROPE

"It is obvious that the establishment of the Utopian Europe which I have briefly sketched out could not be the work of a few weeks or even months. It would be a continuous process stretching over many years. Indeed, it would be impossible to set a time limit upon it, for conditions never cease to change, and corresponding adjustments would be required if friction is to be avoided. Consequently you would need some machinery capable of conducting and guiding the development of the new Europe in the right direction.—The Prime Minister."

stop to their activities some regard Panama, but it must at all times remain clear that if German war vessels continue their activities within the zone, the Allies will fight them regardless of the consequences.—"N.C.D. News."

REAL INTEREST

"Our real interest is essentially the same as that of the democratic allies. Britain did not go to war in 1914 for Belgium. She did not go to war in 1939 for Poland. She fought, and is fighting, to prevent the further growth of a Power which becomes more menacing as it becomes stronger."

"If the prospect of Europe dominated by Germany was distasteful twenty-five years ago, to-day it is appalling. Failure to check Hitler will lead to the eventual destruction of the great commonwealth of free nations and the State which to-day upholds the democratic idea on the Continent of Europe."—"Boston Herald."

WHAT GERMANY SAYS

The neutrals nowadays are beginning to have their own ideas about which of the belligerents is possessed of a militant mentality. Britain cares nothing for neutral rights in her campaign against Germany. She treats them as if they simply do not exist, brutally indicating that the whole world must give a hand to save the British Empire.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Germans are not deterred by any considerations of humanity—this from the leader of a Government which is always seeking new measures to turn the war in its favour by starving its opponents—that is, by starving women and children; this from the leader of a Government which grows ever wilder and more unrestrained in its actions the more it is forced to recognise that the Fuhrer's policy has defeated the blockade and safeguarded the food supplies of the German nation.—"Borsen Zeitung."

WITH A SOUPCON

Satisfaction, with a soupcon of suspicion, was expressed over the gesture which was made early this week by the Japanese military and naval authorities with regard to the prospective opening of the Yangtze—as far as Nanking—to foreign shipping at an early date. It will be observed, according to the press, that the concession is not to be attributed to the Government, but to the forces invested with authority to impose "a new order in Asia." Some men read significance into this picture. We do not. Belated recognition is more than welcome, the acknowledgement of

that of the rights of representatives Herr Hitler's which has as a basis of its political faith the doctrine that declarations are only something to be disregarded. It is not stated how the Americas intend to enforce the declaration, and it is obviously a matter attended with considerable difficulty. The prevention of belligerent vessels from obtaining supplies and repairs in American ports after warlike activity within the zone may have some effect, though this remedial measure only comes into force after the zone has been breached, and is more in the nature of a penalty than a prevention. On the other hand should the American nations decide to take action against any nation indulging in warlike operations within the zone and definitely put a

FINNISH AIRMEN DESTROY RUSSIAN RAILWAY

DARING NIGHT RAID ON AIR BASE

Central Finland, December 13.

FIGHTING IN FINLAND becomes fiercer and more costly in casualties every day. The Russians are bringing up wave after wave of reinforcements to hurl against the Finns.

The latter are, however, putting up a magnificent fight and were able to record several successes to-day.

Finnish airmen have flown in bitter weather over the strategic railway line from Murmansk 70 miles north of Lake Ladoga and bombed the track. The rails were torn to scrap metal over a distance of 12 miles.

The Finns have also retaken the town of Suomussalmi after a determined resistance. The Russians occupied the little island of Mausari, in Lake Ladoga, but have made little progress on the Karelian Isthmus.

Here the Finns are still holding the line of the River Paipalsjoki against one assault after another. Many Russian tanks have been destroyed in this sector during the last two days' fighting.

On the northern front the Finnish Lapp ski troops were hotly engaged with Russian Kurghis from Central Asia during the few murky hours of daylight between the successive darknesses of the Polar night. What roads exist in this desolate region are completely icebound.

The frontier itself is not properly marked and only the local peasants can find their way from one point to another.

While the Russians have burnt all the shrub behind their front, the Finns are burning any buildings and property from which they are forced to retreat so that the Russians can find no shelter. The Russian commanders have erected watch towers equipped with machine-guns along their own base lines to prevent their men from deserting.

The Finns often hear the tacking of Russian machine-guns as the guard open fire upon deserters.

During the last 24 hours the Russians have had several successes on the northern front. They have captured the village of Salla, 27 miles inside the Finnish frontier, by employing Finnish Communist troops who are natives of the village and have lived in Russia since the Finnish War of Independence.

The road between Salla and Rovaniemi is the starting point of the route to the Polar Sea from Lower Finland. The district was formerly much visited by foreign tourists.

HAND-GRENADE RAID

The Russians are now bringing up huge concentrations against the front east of Rovaniemi in pursuance of their aim of cutting Finland in two at her narrowest point. One report gives the figures of 1,500,000 men and 1,000 planes.

Kandalaksja and Kirovsk — the former a relatively large town — have fallen to the Russians who have also established a new air base at Uhtua, 60 miles from Kirovsk.

Last night two Finnish soldiers on skis accomplished an amazing feat of daring in this sector. Laden with hand grenades they crossed no man's land into Uhtua and bombed the two new airfields, destroying several planes. Owing to their great speed on skis they slipped away in the darkness and rejoined their comrades.

Heart-rending scenes are taking place in northern Finland, where the entire civilian population is fleeing in terrible weather conditions from the Russian invader. It is estimated that at least 10,000 refugees are now collected in makeshift camps north of the Polar circle.

Families have been split up. Many people have been killed or frozen to death on their flight.

One mother, with her seven children on a sledge, travelled hundreds

of miles in 10 days in blinding snow. The temperature was 20 degrees Centigrade below zero, and before she arrived at the refugee camp five of the children were dead. Another mother lost her only child in the Polar darkness, swallowed up by a snowdrift.

Despite the amazing stoicism of the Finnish people, tears run down the faces and set jaws of Finnish officers as they relate these terrible details of suffering among the civilian population.

FIGHT BEHIND LINES

According to Russian deserters from the northern front near Petsamo, the Russians are having great trouble in the Murmansk district, where they have penal colonies filled largely with political prisoners. The prisoners, it is stated, have risen in revolt and are carrying on a guerrilla warfare in the rear of the Russian troops.

In an interview at Helsinki to-day the former British Vice-Consul, Mr. Allen, who has resigned to raise a British brigade for the Finnish army, said, "I feel it my duty to Western

civilisation to fight for the Finns. I hope to get a lot of recruits from Britain, especially from Ireland."

The Finnish Government authorities are now examining a Polish woman who was captured on the Karelian

front. It is understood that she is one of the herds of half-starved Polish refugees and prisoners of war whom the Russians are driving forward in front of their shock troops to explode land mines and to shield themselves.



Alice Faye and Don Ameche share starring honours in Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Hollywood Cavalcade," filmed in Technicolour. The 20th Century-Fox picture, coming to-morrow to the King's Theatre, traces the romance of Hollywood from bathing beauties to world premieres.



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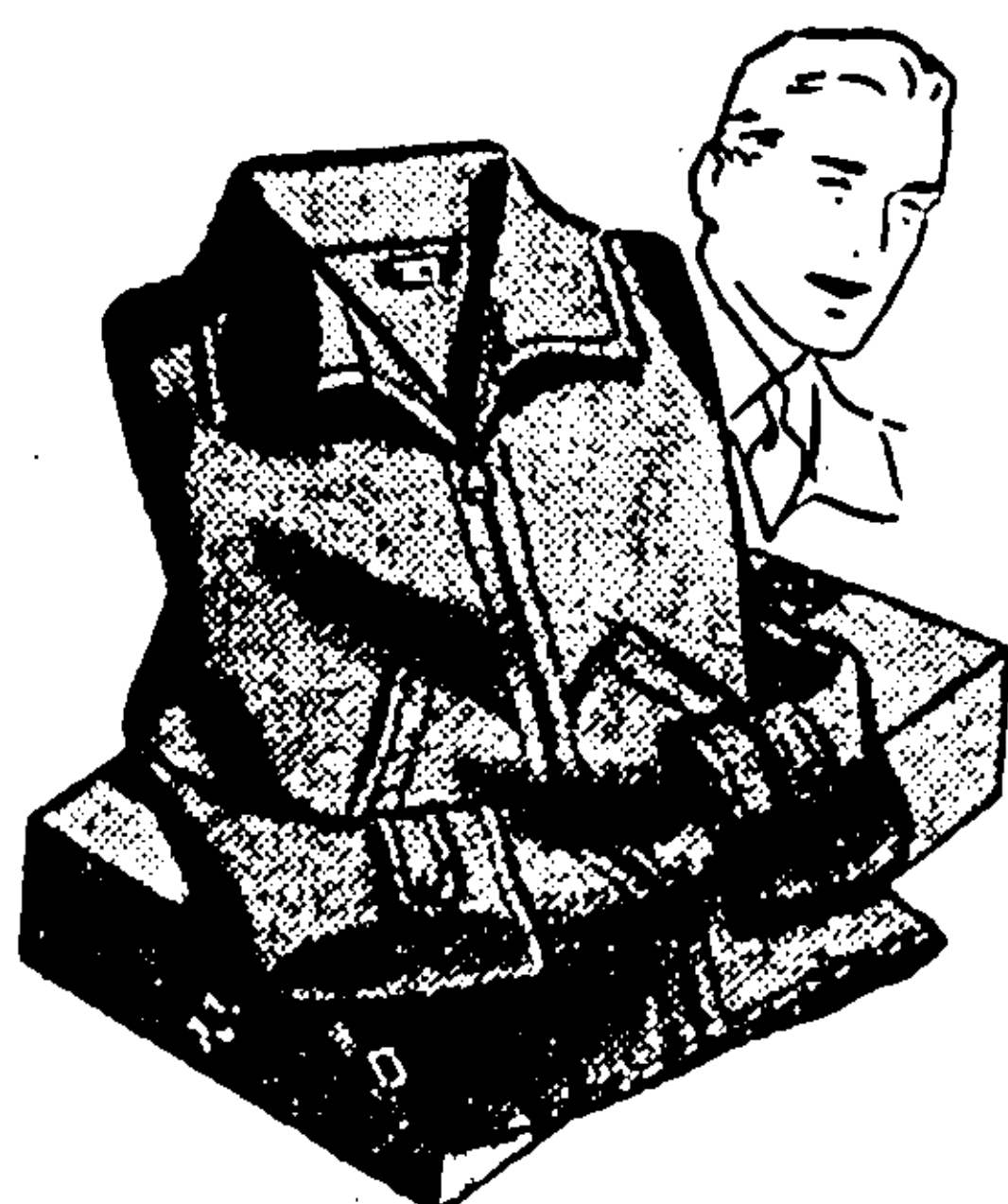
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BOOST IN ARMAMENT PRODUCTION

London, To-day.

A striking example of the acceleration of armaments in Britain was given yesterday by Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply.

Since the war began, he said, the output of shells has been doubled and is now ten times as great as in the same period during the last war.

Gun production is eight times greater in some cases and next year will exceed the peak reached at the end of the Great War.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

A disastrous fire occurred in the west part of the city early yesterday morning. Several hundreds of huts were burnt to the ground. Some 3,000 people are said to have been rendered homeless. — Our Own Correspondent.

Twenty new ordnance factories have been built, and 300 others have been extended. Sixty per cent of the total cost of the ordnance factories goes in wages.

It was impossible to exaggerate the importance of the close relations existing between Britain and France in matters of supply, he said.

The French Minister of Munitions will visit London next month.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



JAPAN AND UNITED STATES

TOKYO STRAINING TO PREVENT TALK INTERRUPTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

Well-informed quarters state that the necessity to avoid interruption in the Japanese-American talks has been one of the main reasons for the Premier, General Abe's decision to remain in office.

It is believed that the New Year holidays, which traditionally extend until the second week in January, will be used for consolidating the position of the Cabinet in order to enable it to resume talks with America and achieve some results when the Diet re-opens on January 21, five days before the expiration of the 1911 Treaty.

MOSCOW PRESS CENSORSHIP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.
THE DECISION TO AGAIN ESTABLISH CENSORSHIP ON PRESS TELEGRAMS WAS SUDDENLY IMPARTED TO ALL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHO WERE SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSARIAT AT MIDNIGHT.

The censorship of press telegrams was abolished when M. Molotov was appointed Foreign Commissar, and it was generally assumed that the Soviet felt strong enough not to bother about the opinion of foreign correspondents.

Apparently the Finnish campaign is the main reason for the resumption of censorship on outgoing messages.—Havas.

Meanwhile, Mr. Suma, spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, stated that several interviews between the American Ambassador, Mr. Grew, and the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura, are likely before this date. Mr. Suma stated that the preliminary parleys aimed at the establishment merely of a "modus vivendi" between Japan and the United States. Such modus vivendi would not necessitate approval from Congress before being enforced.

Mr. Suma cited three precedents this year, namely, the modus vivendi signed by President Roosevelt with Germany, Italy and Russia, without the previous agreement of Congress.

NEW ARTICLES

Mr. Suma further stated the opinion that it would be possible by such modus vivendi not only to prolong the previous treaty for one year, for instance, but also to add new articles to the text of the old treaty.

He concluded that the Japanese decision partially to re-open the Yangtze must not be interpreted as a basis for any bargaining with the United States, but the decision was freely taken by Tokyo.

"We will do what we said, whatever the fate of the trade treaty may be," he concluded.—Havas.

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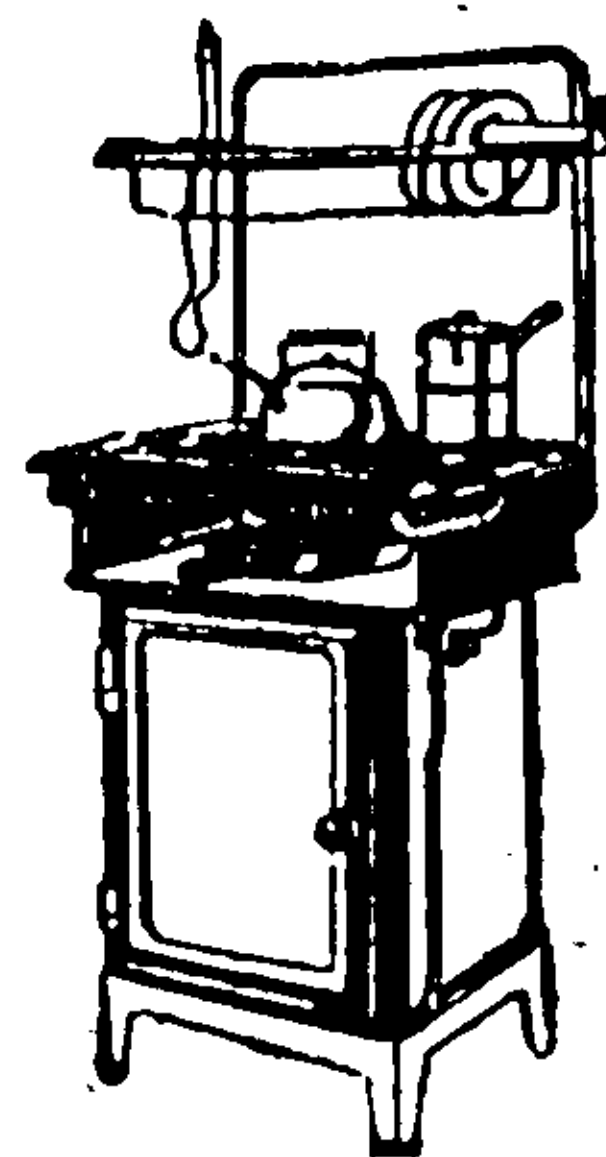
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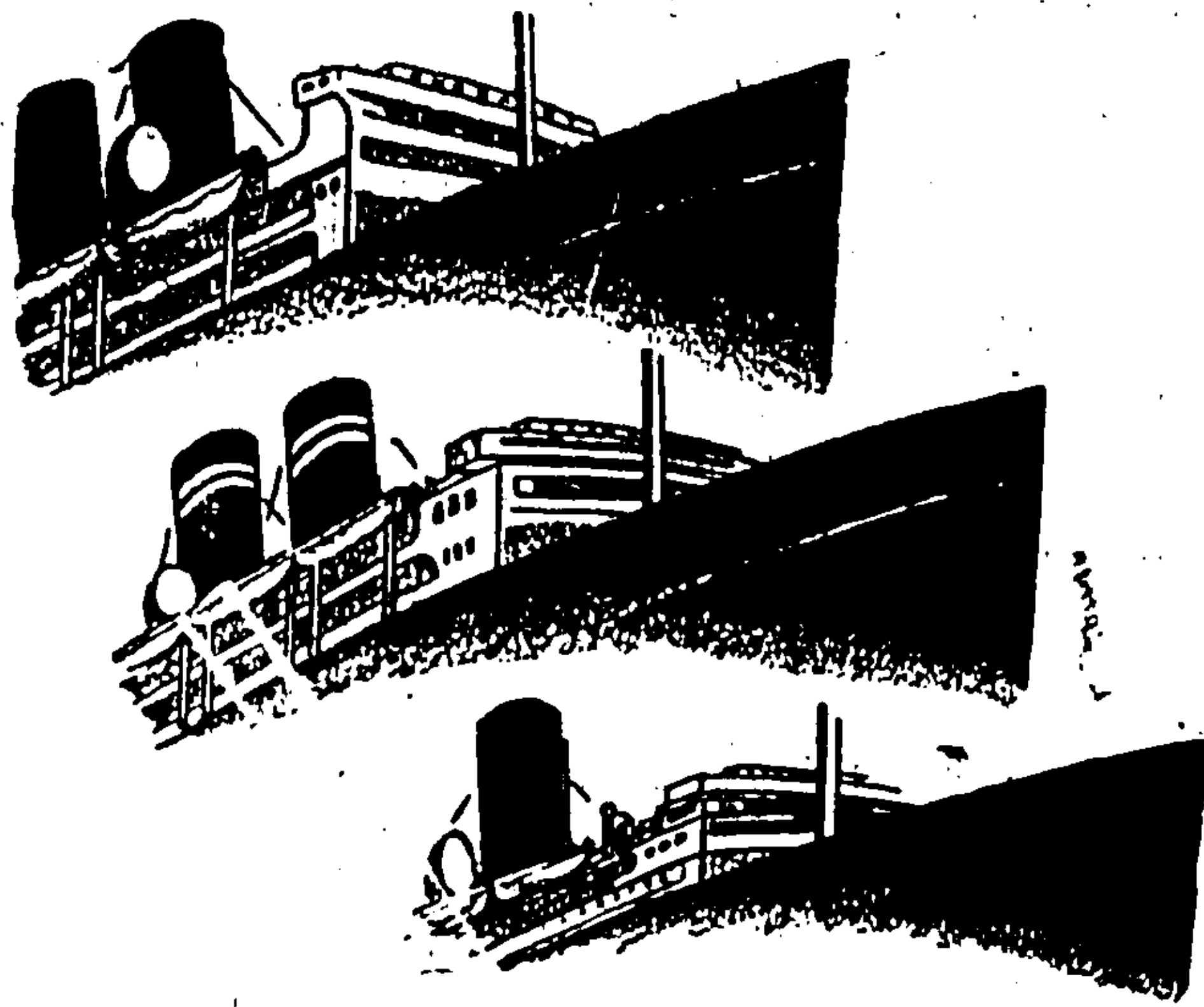
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There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10.00 a.m.

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INWARD MAILS

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Straits	January 1.
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Shanghai	January 2.
Shanghai	January 3.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 9th December, 1939)	January 3.
Japan	January 3.
Java and Manila	January 3.
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Bangkok		Dec. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Formosa and Japan		Dec. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong		Dec. 30, 2.00 p.m.
Amoy		Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Japan		Dec. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
Service"—due London, 7th Jan.	Reg.,	Dec. 30, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	
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	Ord.,	Dec. 30, 5.30 p.m.
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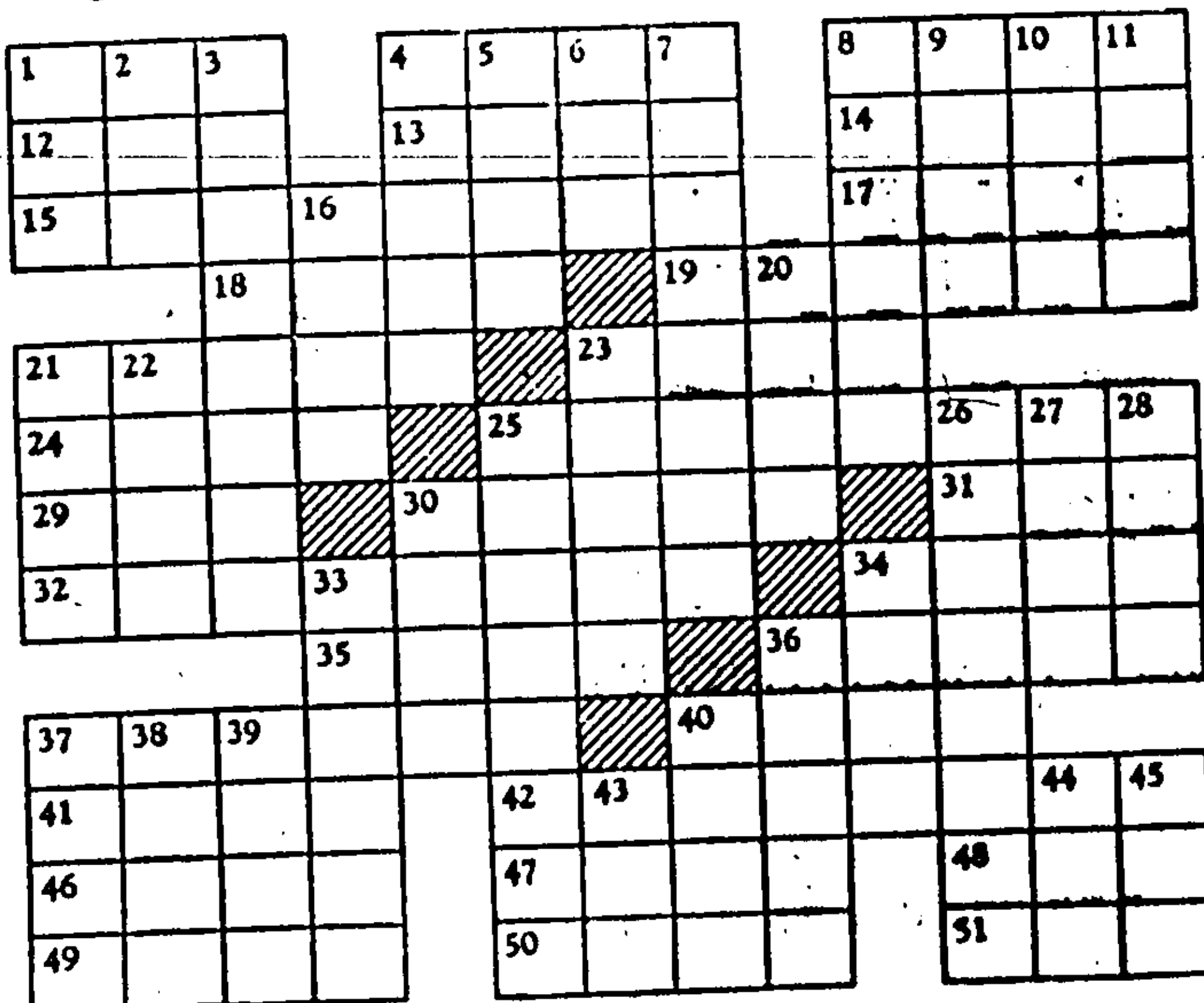
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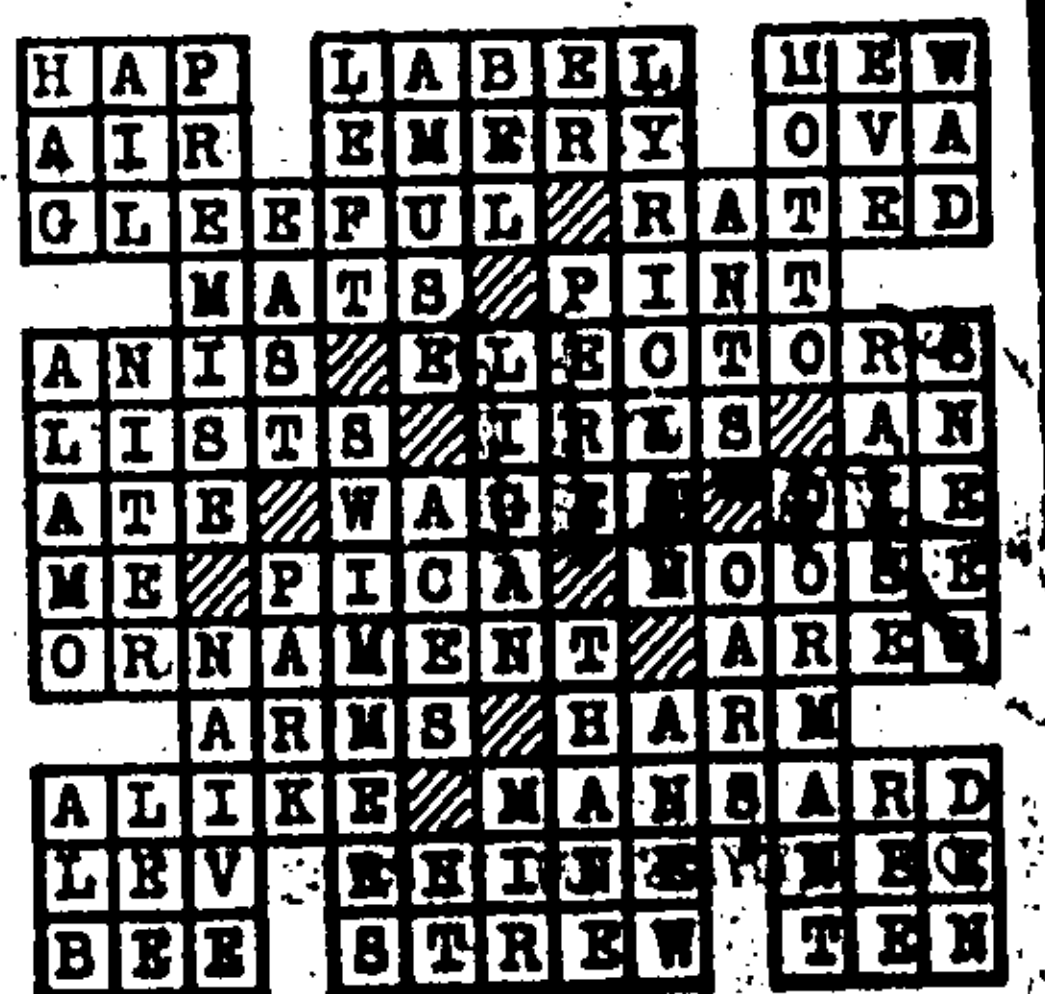
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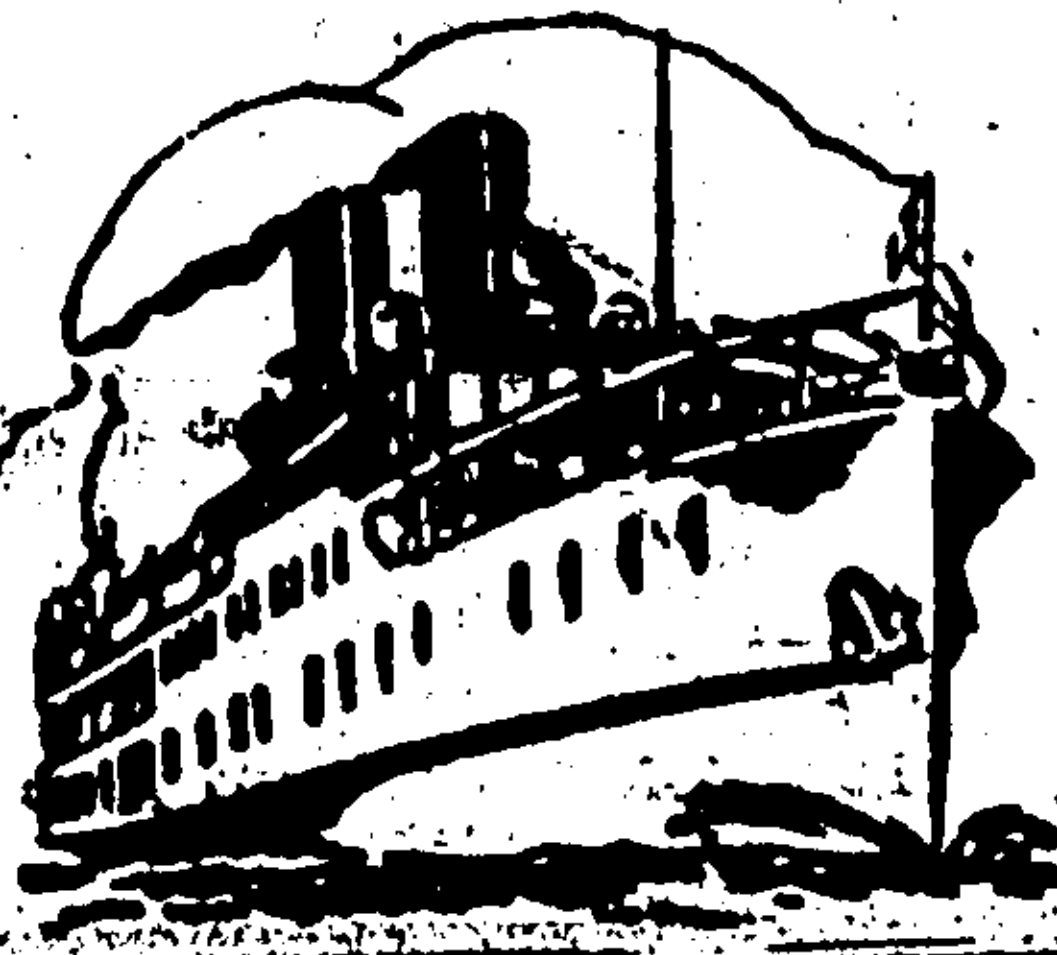
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"The problem of man's origin has been solved," said Dr. Robert Broom, the anthropologist, describing the results of further examination of the Kromdraai skull found at Sterkfontein in 1936.

It is revealed that the Sterkfontein ape had a typically human mastoid process, while independent reconstructions of the Kromdraai skull

gave brain capacities of 720 and 710 cubic centimetres.

The Pithecanthropus skull had a capacity of 750 cubic centimetres.

Dr. Broom said he considered that the discoveries bridge the gap between the ape, whose capacity never exceeded 600c.c., and man, whose capacity was never less than 900c.c., and proved beyond doubt that man was descended from family of man apes living in upper Pliocene times.

LADIES HOCKEY

RECREIO AND C.B.S. IN POSTPONED GAMES

Though only two Ladies' League Hockey games were arranged for this afternoon, opportunity has been taken by Club de Recreio and Central British School to play off both their postponed Brawn Cup and Caer Clark Cup games this afternoon.

The following is to-day's Ladies' League hockey programme:—

*C.B.S.	Caer Clark Cup
(C.B.S. 3 p.m.)	v Recreio "A"
*C.B.S.	Brawn Cup
(C.B.S. 4.15 p.m.)	v Recreio "B"
"Y"	v Argonauts
("Y" 3 p.m.)	v D.G.S.
St. Andrew's	(C.B.A. 3 p.m.)
* Postponed matches.	

The following will represent Recreio "A" Ladies on their League Hockey games to-day:—

SENIORS:—Miss Z. Barros; Mrs. M. Silva and Miss O. Botelho; Mrs. A. Remedios, Miss P. Goncalves and Mrs. R. Silva; Miss B. A. Remedios, Miss M. Roza, Miss C. Silva, Miss A. Alves and Miss C. Remedios. JUNIORS:—Miss C. Silva; Miss T. Goncalves and Miss M. Ribeiro; Miss P. Jorge, Miss N. Osmund and Miss M. Silva; Miss N. Goncalves, Miss I. Rozario, Miss M. Campos, Mrs. M. Figueiredo and Mrs. L. Rodrigues.

"Y" TEAM

The following will represent "Y" Ladies in the Brawn Cup against Argonauts:

Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Grieve; Miss Dunn, Mrs. Ashman and Miss Stokes; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss V. Bradbury, Mrs. Macklin and Miss I. Buchanan.

This will probably be Miss Buchanan's last match in the Junior League as she has already played once in the Caer Clark Cup competition and another game for the seniors will disqualify her from junior hockey.

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AGRICULTURAL SHOW

(Under the auspices of The New Territories Agricultural Association) to be held at Fanling (near the Fanling Railway Station) on Saturday and Sunday, January 6th and 7th, 1940.

H.E. The Governor has graciously consented to open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on January 6th 1940.

Prizes will be distributed by J. Barrow, Esq., District Officer, Northern District at 2.30 p.m. on January 7th 1940.

Concession rates kindly granted by the Kowloon-Canton Railway for visitors to the Show on the 10 a.m., 12 noon and 1.30 trains from Kowloon, and any train from Fanling after 1.00 p.m. on both days:—

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THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

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He shrugged and smiled calmly. "You needn't fear, Mr. Hopkins. The people of Beadle are honest and brave, and they trust in God."

Only as I left the room did my pity return. At the study door his wife met me, took my hand and bade me good-night. In her calm eyes I could read that she too knew the secret now. I glanced at the old desk beneath the gaunt, poorly curtained window; at the twisted fragments of paper upon the threadbare carpet. Twisted paper: proof of the poor old man's pathetic inability to master his awful task in words. I saw, too, a fragment of blotting-paper thrown hastily over his feeble notes as I had entered the room.

The day upon which the news was broken to the world turned out to be one of the most disappointing in my life. It sounds absurd, but it is true.

As far as the village of Beadle was concerned, the whole thing completely misfired.

The vicar was respected and popular in a limited way, but despite his twenty-five years in Beadle he had never shaken off the disadvantages of following the fiery old "Vicar Hutchings" who had become almost legendary in the village and its neighbourhood by reason of his terrifying denunciation of every form of evil and most forms of good.

The service followed its placid, age-encrusted course; the old man read one or two routine announcements, then cleared his throat and removed his spectacles. I saw the notes before him and I knew that the time had come.

In some respects he delivered his message well. The old man possessed dignity and a clear, pleasant voice. But the message itself was, as I expected, quite hopeless from the start. In his endeavour to avoid alarm the meaning of it all became misty and obscure, and his attempt to blend it with the old-fashioned forms of conventional sermon made it sound almost exactly like what he had said every Sunday for twenty-five years.

He spoke for nearly twenty minutes. When he finished there was a slight rustling of satin Sunday dresses and the hollow pop of a farmer's starched front as he relaxed his position. I do not believe that half a dozen people in the whole of that gathering had the slightest idea of what the vicar had been talking about.

The congregation knelt in prayer as they had done in Beadle since Richard Cœur de Lion built their church to gain God's favour in his first

Crusade: they filed out very slowly as old ladies blocked the way in their search for umbrellas and goloshes in the porch.

Old Barlow, the postman, was standing at the gate arguing with his wife in a heated voice. He stopped me by laying a hand upon my arm.

"Mr. Hopkins," he said. "What was it the vicar said was going to happen on the 3rd of May?"

"He said," I replied in a quiet voice, "that on the 3rd of May the moon will strike the earth and the world will end."

To my astonishment the old man turned to his wife with an idiotic leer of triumph.

"There you are!" he cried. "I told you it wasn't no bazaar! Nobody ever has bazaars in May!"

"We had a bazaar in May six years ago," shouted the old woman. "It was for the new club-room—and it was May because the stalls were got up with lilac blossoms!"

I was about to explain in detail, out the two old people went doddering down the lane, abusing one another.

A girl was shouting at her deaf grandmother, almost at my elbow.

"He says the world's going to end, Grandma!"

"Eh?" said the old lady.

"He says," bawled the girl, "the world's going to end!"

The old lady's eyes lit up in a gleam of memory.

"That's what old Vicar Hutchings said," she cackled. "Vicar Hutchings used to say that every Sunday."

I heard the girl still shouting as they turned the bend in the lane.

"He says it's going to end on May 3!"

"That's what old Vicar Hutchings always said," murmured the old lady. "But Vicar Hutchings never gave no date."

I walked quickly to the Fox and Hounds, burning to find some one who could understand—to whom I could explain my long-pent-up secret.

But apparently I had been forestalled. Murgatroyd, the proprietor, was hurrying out as I arrived. He was dragging his coat on, his hat was askew and he was surrounded by a group of chattering villagers. He stared at me and shouted out:—

"Have you heard all this clap-trap about the moon!"

"It is true," I replied. "I knew it all three months ago."

"Then why didn't you tell us, you fool!" he shouted, and then, ignoring "Come on!—let's go and see this doddering parson!"

His rudeness infuriated me, and for the first time in my long residence in Beadle I lost my temper in public. I ran after him along the road and shouted:—

"You were kept in ignorance because a fool like you would have gone off his head with fright!—that's why you were not told!"

I was about to say a great deal more when an old man walking beside the landlord—an old fellow who farmed a small holding near Newcastle, laid a hand upon my arm and said: "Keep your head, sonny. It's up to all of us to keep our heads!"

The humiliation of this nearly suffocated me: I strove to reply, but words failed me. I was being told to "keep my head!"—I!—I who had known the truth for twelve weeks—who had held this dreadful secret in such iron control that none had suspected it.

Without another word I turned upon my heel and strode away to my hill-top home, thanking heaven that I lived in a little world of my own.

Mrs. Buller, my housekeeper, came with my tea-tray. She had been to the morning service and I began by asking her what she thought about it all.

She told me that she hadn't heard it all properly. But she had thought Mr. Edwards had been "quite good" and quite like old Vicar Hutchings, whom she remembered as a girl.

I explained the whole thing to Mrs. Buller in a few simple, selected words, but I could see that her poor old cottage-bred brain was utterly unable to grasp the overwhelming significance of it. She had never, apparently, visualised the moon as a solid, spherical body revolving majestically in space; to her it was a flat, shining disc seen to a dark fabric of black sky.

The idea of the moon's return to the earth did not disturb her very much: she was visualising, I could see, a large

silver tray hitting the roof with a clang and bouncing down the hillside.

When Mrs. Buller brought my morning tea I could scarcely wait until she had left the room before I snatched up the papers to see what they had to say about it all.

Upon first sight I was somewhat disappointed. I had expected terrific, flaming headlines of the most sensational description.

Each published an Official Statement of the salient fact, phrased with a calm dignity that somehow stirred one's pride. Each followed this with interviews and articles by famous scientists who enlarged upon every particle of hope with the greatest skill.

The "grazing" theory was the one unanimously adopted. It was explained that the tails of comets had frequently grazed the earth without doing the slightest damage, and although the moon was a solid body, its size in relation to the earth was only that of a cherry compared with a large orange.

If a cherry were to graze the surface of an orange it was scarcely likely to smash the orange to pieces.

After breakfast I walked down to the village, and outside the Fox and Hounds I saw Murgatroyd himself approaching me.

Normally his big shapeless face was the very embodiment of smug self-indulgence. Now, with a shock of surprise, I saw a face that had aged by twenty years in a single night.

There was stark, ugly death in the face of the proprietor of the Fox and Hounds, and I recoiled from it in horror.

"Sorry about yesterday," he said. "It ain't my way to be rude. Shall we call it quits?"

"That's all right," I said with a smile. "We were all a bit overwrought yesterday, but it's better now."

"What d'you mean—'better now'?" he said abruptly. "You needn't treat me like a kid. You ain't such a fool as not to know it's the end." He dragged a crumpled newspaper from his

pocket and flourished it in my face. "D'you s'pose any man with half a brain believes the blab in these papers?—They talk about a 'graze'!" —(his voice was rising; he was almost inarticulate, and as he shouted at me he crushed the paper into a ball and flung it over the hedge). "A graze!—you ever heard such rot? D'you suppose a mighty great thing like the moon can give us a 'graze' without smashing millions of us to pulp and jerking the rest of us to kingdom come? They've got the nerve to tell us the moon's the size of a cherry!"

"They don't say that," I began: "they

"They do say that," he shouted.

With that he turned away and walked off down the road.

Just down the road I met Pawson, the retired police sergeant, who was a member of the Dugout Committee.

"Waste of time," he growled. "Just the kind of thing that would happen."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Well—use your common sense! Here we spend weeks of our time building a whacking great dugout to get into if there's a war—and who d'you suppose is going to waste time having a war with all this moon business coming on?—waste of time!"

"Use your own common sense!" I cried. "The dugout's to save the village from the moon! That war story was just a blind!"

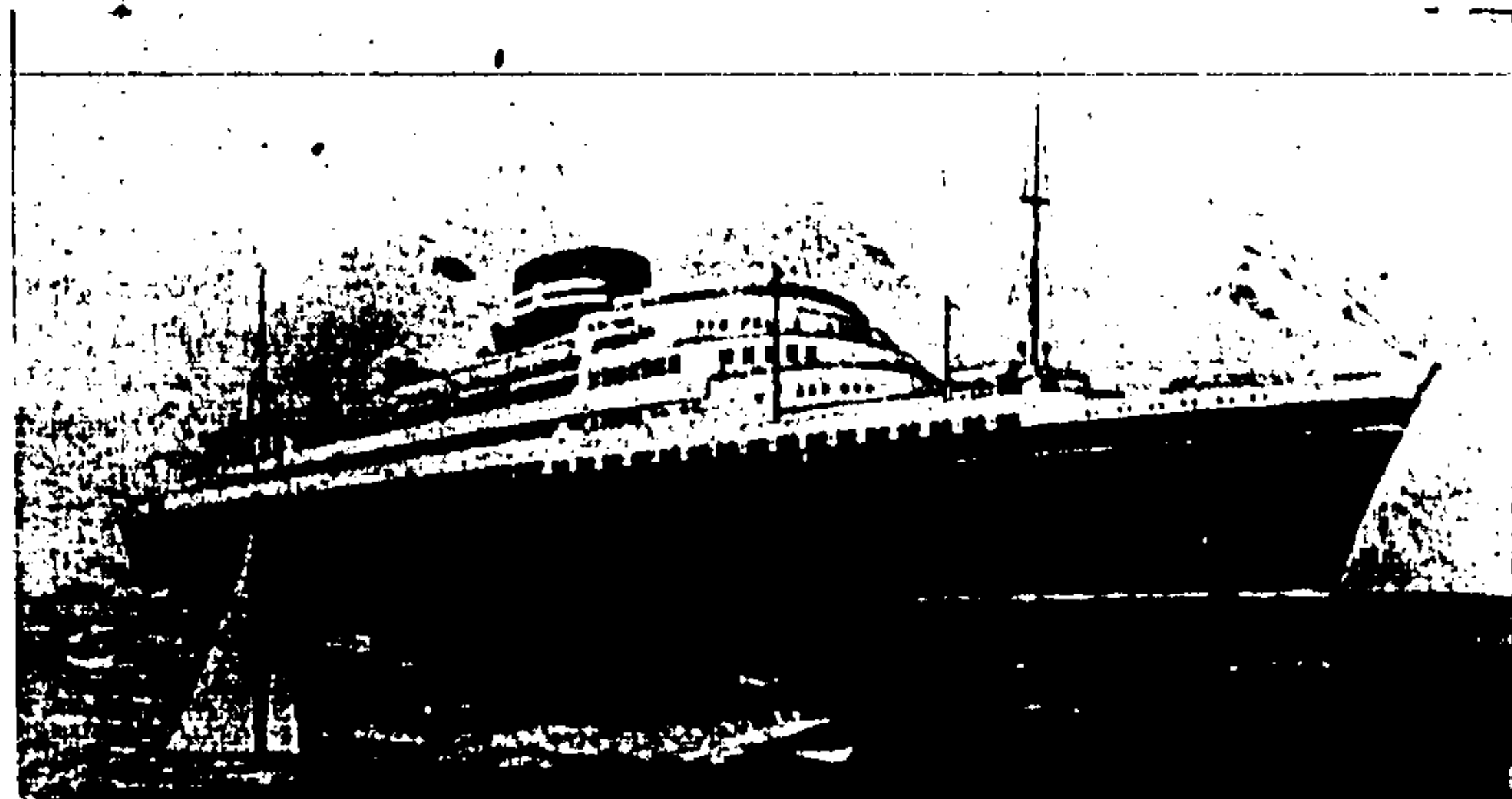
He was completely unconvinced, but soon afterwards he apologised most handsomely, for Dr. Hax, as chairman of the Dugout Committee, had now received full official instructions. We were to press ahead with the dugout at full speed and have the excavation complete by Wednesday week, when a sapper of the Royal Engineers would arrive in Beadle to instruct us upon the final details.

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One Foot In The Gutter (Stanley Black).
Puppet On A String (Stanley Black).
Alexander's Got A Swing Band Now (Reynolds).
12.47 p.m.—"HUTCH" and His Charm Music.
Hurry Home (Meyer & Others).
Thanks for Everything (from the film).
Let's Dream In The Moonlight (film 'St Louis Blues').
Lonely (Noel Gay).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—SOME WELSH SONGS.
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Mable Parry (Soprano) with Piano.
1.15 p.m.—LIGHT ORCHESTRAL SELECTIONS.
In The Temple Of The Bells (Study from Peking—Yoshitomo).

Chinese Fairy Tales (Character Sketch—Dreyer, arr. Yoshitomo).
"Tosca" Selection (Puccini).
Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—SELECTIONS from Noel Coward's Musical Shows.
"Conversation Piece"—Nevermore.
Gloria Grafton (Soprano) with Carroll Gibbons & His Boy Friends.
"Bitter Sweet"—Selection.
Jack Hyllton & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
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Regency Rakes....Sidney Grammer, George Sanders, Pat Worsley, Antony Brian with Orchestra.
There's Always Something Fishy About The French....Heather Thatcher & Moya Nugent with Orchestra.
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9.55 p.m.—VARIETY with Beatrice Lillie, Frankie Carle, John Tilley, Arthur Riscoe and Others.
Novelty—Carroll Gibbons' Birthday Party.
Carroll Gibbons (Host); Guests: Stanley Holloway; Flanagan and Allen; Albert Sandler; Turner Layton; Norman Long; Raymond Newell; Mario Lorenzi; Scott Wood and His Six Swingers.
Fox-Trot—Yours Truly Is Truly Yours. Comedy One-Step—Fancy Meeting You.
Jack Hyllton's Orchestra.
Comedienne—A Baby's Best Friend (Rogers & Hart); Baby Didn't Know Gideon....Beatrice Lillie with Piano.
Dance Orch.—Gershwin Fox-Trot Medley: Slow Tempo—Lady Be Good; 'S Wonderful: Looking for a Boy.
Fast Tempo—Fascinating Rhythm; Clap Yo' Hands; That Certain Feeling.
Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins with string bass and drums.
Vocal—The Whiffenpoof Song (Galloway & Others); Vieni Vieni (Scott & Others).
Rudy Vallee and Male Quartette with Carroll Gibbons & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Flapperette; Dancing Tambourine....Frankie Carle (Piano) with Guitar, Bass & Drums.
Vocal—You Have That Extra Something (from 'The Town Talks')....Phyllis Stanley & Arthur Riscoe (Duet) with Orch.
Vocal—There Never Was A Girl Like Mary (from 'The Town Talks')....Arthur Riscoe with Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Did I Remember (film 'Suzy'); Knock, Knock, Who's There?...Jack Hyllton & His Orchestra.
Humorous Monologue—The Loch Ness Monster (Tilley)...John Tilley.
Slow Fox-Trot—Serenade To The Stars (film 'Mad About Music').
Quickstep—It's Wonderful....Howard Jacobs & His Orchestra for Dancing.
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"London Log".
11.15 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC.
Fox-Trots—Something To Sing About (from the film); In My Little Red Book....Mantovani & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Night Of Love Divine; Do You Like Dancing?...Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—That Old Feeling (from 'Vogues of 1938'); Waltz—Sympathy (film 'Firefly')....Jay Wilbur & His Band.
Tangos—I'd Bring The Heavens To You; Hear My Song, Violetta....Emil Rozsa & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Swing, Swing, Dear Mother-In-Law; The Lady Who Couldn't Be Kissed (film 'The Singing Marine')....George Eirick & His Swing Music Makers.
Fox-Trot—So Many Memories; Waltz—Don't Forget The Old Folks At Home....Billy Thorburn & His Music.
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It took very careful play on the part of South to make his five-diamond contract. The bidding had been highly competitive and, although North and South held most of the high cards, East could actually have made four hearts. But now to the play:

West, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 10 9 7 6 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ J 10 6 3
 ♣ J 4
 ♠ Q J 5
 ♥ K 10 9
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ Q 9 8 3
 ♠ A 8 4
 ♥ A Q J 7 6 3
 ♦ A 7 5
 ♣ 6 2
 ♠ 3
 ♥ A 2
 ♦ K Q 9 8 4
 ♠ A K 10 7 6

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♥	2♦
3♥	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♦	4♥	5♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Pass

South won the opening heart lead and led a spade. When West played the Jack, he was allowed to hold the trick and a second heart was trumped in dummy. Next Declarer played his two top clubs, then trumped a club with dummy's ten. East, refusing to overtrump.

Now South's wisdom in immediately getting rid of his only spade bore fruit, for he was able to lead

get back to his hand by trumping a spade. A fourth club was now trumped with dummy's Jack of diamonds. Again East refused to overtrump, but it did him no good for Declarer knocked out the Ace of trumps, then claimed the rest of the tricks.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

♠ x x
 ♥ A K x x x
 ♦ x
 ♣ K Q x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Mater	You	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
INT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is three clubs. Although your partner's no-trump shows a minimum or near-minimum bid, it also indicates a balanced hand in which case you should have a very good play for game in either clubs, hearts or notrump. Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for two clubs (a distinct underbid), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 296

To-day Oswald Jacoby is your partner and you held:

♠ K 9 7 4
 ♥ K 10 7
 ♦ K Q 5
 ♣ 7 6 3

The bidding:

Jacoby	Mater	You	Schenken
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer to be given tomorrow.)

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Standard Of Badminton At King's Park Disappoints

Eardleys Not Settled Down To Local Conditions

RECREIO "A" HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY AGAINST ST. JOHN'S

(By "ADREM")

THE THRILLING TUSSELE expected in the mixed doubles badminton match at King's Park last night between Recreio "A" and St. John's did not materialise and generally speaking the standard revealed was very low.

With the poor form shown by the Saints' second and third strings in the first round, there was never any doubt that Recreio would win whatever the Eardleys managed to do on their own account.

At the end of the first round Recreio led 2-1, at the end of the second 4-2 and they eventually won 6-3.

Tempo in the first game of the evening between the Eardleys and J. J. Remedios and Miss Olga Ribeiro was very slow, none of the players being able to settle down. In consequence there were numerous mistakes, and, more being made by Recreio, chiefly on Remedios' smashing, Eardleys just managed to win after only being led on one occasion at 17-16.

POOR GAMES

Next two games were very poor, Oliveira and Miss Ribeiro completely outclassing David Kwok and Mrs. Wilson, and C. C. Pereira and Miss M. Silva easily beating Frank Kwok and Mrs. Strange.

Probably the finest encounter of the whole evening took place in the second round when David Kwok and Mrs. Wilson, showing considerable improvement, beat Pereira and Miss Silva in a game featured by the length and speed of the rallies.

In the last round the visitors registered only one success, the Eardleys beating Pereira and Miss Silva.

Finest male player of the evening was Marcus Oliveira, who revealed his best form in all three games. His smashing was particularly good and gave the opposition little chance of retrieving. Miss Ribeiro was the best lady.

EARDLEY FINE SMASH

Eardley obviously has the strokes, notably a killing smash which he comes down on from a great height, and his short game is adequate but his greatest asset is his great reach. He has not the subtlety of the University players and still appears to have difficulty with local lighting.

Miss Eardley also has the strokes but considering her experience in big badminton, her courtcraft and understanding with her brother leave much to be desired.

At Taikoo, University had little difficulty in beating the home team, J. Clarke and Mrs. McBeattie being the only Taikoo pair to extend them at all.

At King's Park, Recreio "A" beat St. John's by 6 games to 3.

J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (Recreio "A") lost to H. Eardley and Miss D.

Eardley 18-21

beat D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson 21-12

beat F. H. Kwok and Mrs. Strange 21-18

M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio "A")

beat Eardley and Miss Eardley 21-10

beat Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-4

beat Kwok and Mrs. Strange 21-5

C. C. Pereira and Miss M. Silva (Recreio "A")

lost to Eardley and Miss Eardley 17-21

lost to Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 14-21

beat Kwok and Mrs. Strange 21-11

TAIKOO TROUNCED

At Taikoo University beat Taikoo by 9 games to nil.

P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo (University)

beat J. Clarke and Mrs. McBeattie 21-8

beat B. Bovard and Miss Pollock 21-6

beat R. Main and Mrs. Main 21-8

MIXED LEAGUE BADMINTON TABLE

	Games				
	P.	W.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Recreio "A"	3	3	0	20	7 6
University	2	2	0	15	3 4
St. John's	3	2	1	17	10 4
Recreio "B"	3	1	2	16	11 2
K.C.C.	2	0	2	3	15 0
Taikoo	3	0	3	1	26 0
	16	8	8	72	72 16

P. K. Hui and Miss Uheng Khoo (University).

beat Clarke and Mrs. McBeattie 21-16

beat Bovard and Miss Pollock 21-8

beat Main and Mrs. Main 21-17

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beat Clarke and Mrs. McBeattie 24-19

beat Bovard and Miss Pollock 21-8

beat Main and Mrs. Main 21-6

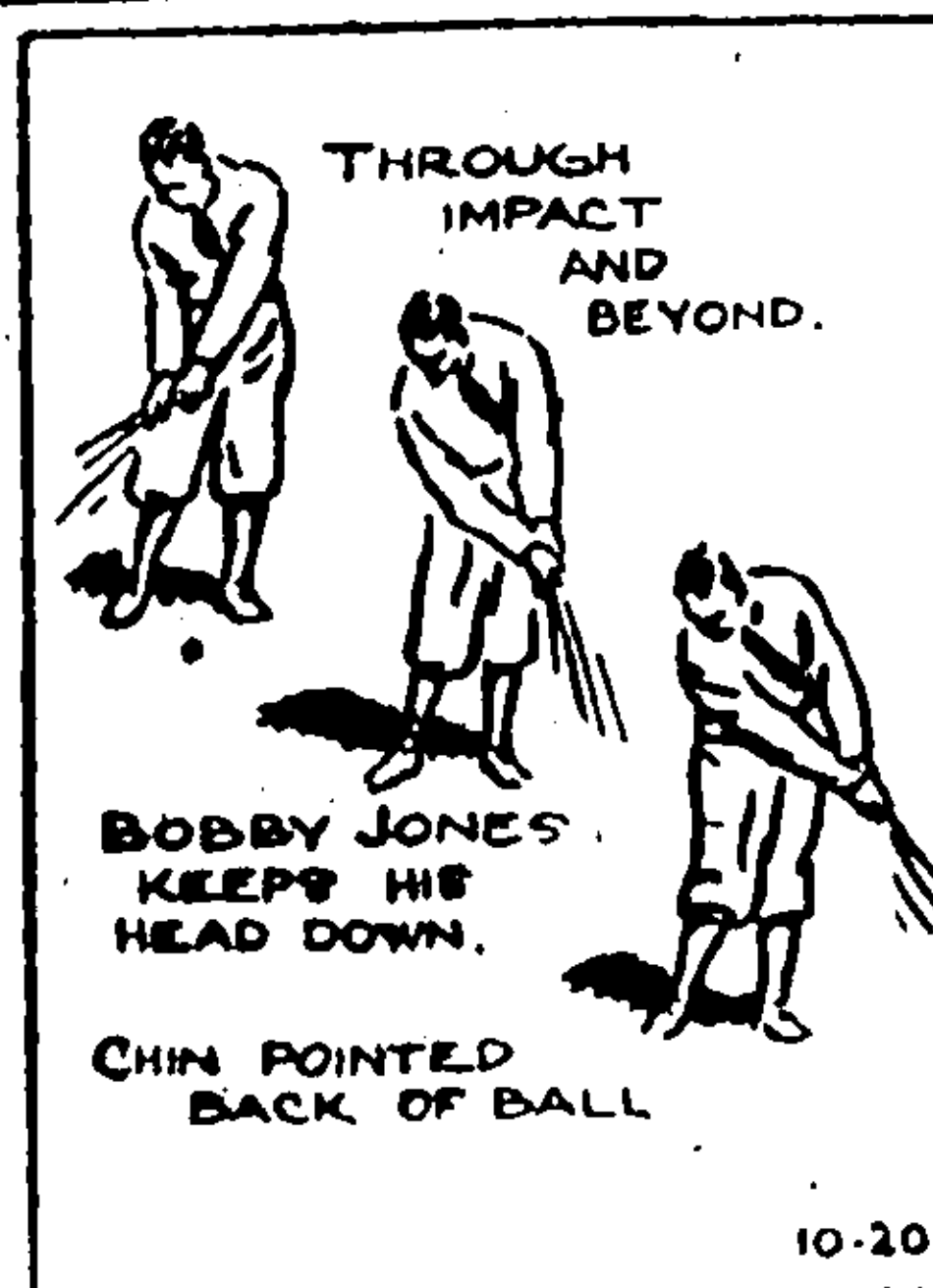
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A cavalcade will be held for members of the Cottage Club, Fanling, on Saturday, January 6 at 3.30 p.m.

A paper hunt will be arranged for the following Saturday, January 13, at the same time.

HEADS DOWN

GRAPHIC GOLF



By BEST BALL

There is no denying the fact that keeping the head still is one of the golfing fundamentals that must be learned if lower scores are to be made. Raising the head too soon on the downstroke throws the entire swing off its course and results in mishit shots. The correct method is shown above by three different positions in Jones' iron swing as he strokes through the ball. There is no difference apparent in the head position at any of these points; the swing has been made smoothly and freely underneath it.

The average player on the other hand, in his anxiety to see where the ball is going, often raises his head before the ball has even been hit. This gives a proportionate raise to the body and arms with the clubhead being pulled out of line. Make an effort to keep the head in a stationary position on all shots no matter how strenuous the stroke. In time improvement will be noted and with it better shots.

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CRICKET

LOCAL FREE FORESTERS TO PLAY

(By "ADREM")

There are three interesting senior games on this afternoon's cricket programme most notable being the first local appearance, to my recollection, of a Free Foresters team.

This team, which will be largely composed of Service cricketers, will meet Club in a two-day game arranged in lieu of the annual match with Navy, which has had to be cancelled owing to the inability of the Senior Service to raise a side.

Club have not yet announced their team but I understand Free Foresters will be represented by Col. Teversham, Major Stewart, Major Kirby, Capt. Man, Capt. Grose, Capt. Weedon, Capt. Skipworth, Capt. Godby, Major Harvey, A. E. Perry and D. McLellan.

This is not a bad team by any means but I cannot see it beating Club at full strength. Craikengower, now they have settled down, rather fancy themselves for any honours that are going this season. They are evidently taking their game with Recreio seriously this afternoon and have selected one of their strongest sides thus far this season.

A. T. Lee is playing, as is George Winch, whose fine performances with the ball this year have brought him well-merited promotion.

Civil Service are entertaining K.C.C. on an adjoining ground but with McLellan and Perry playing at Chater Road, should have some difficulty in winning.

Among the junior clubs Recreio entertain R.A.F., K.C.C. are at home to H.K.C.C. and Police will entertain Civil Service.

PROGRAMME

SENIOR	
C. S. C. C.	v K. C. C.
C. C. C.	v Recreio
H. K. C. C.	v Free Foresters

JUNIOR	
Recreio	v R. A. F.
K. C. C.	v H. K. C. C.
P. R. C.	v C. S. C. C.

CLUB TEAM ANNOUNCED

Club have now announced their team which is as follows:—

T. A. Pearce (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, J. L. C. Pearce, A. K. Mackenzie, D. Carey, D. L. Bosanquet, T. V. N. Fortescue, M. F. L. Haymes, N. D. Lloyd, Surg. Comdr. Finnie and A. N. Other.

It will be noted that J. E. Richardson is playing which will mean that C.S.C.C., who are playing K.C.C. will be sadly depleted as both Perry and McLellan are playing for Free Foresters.

The following will represent the Hong Kong University present students against the past students in the annual match at Pokfulam on Monday.—W. S. Gegg, K. S. Oh, R. Singh, C. N. Matthews, Tam Kong-yue, R. M. Soares, G. Hong Choy, V. Lingam, J. Tsui, N. C. Sen Gupta and S. Mahmood. Reserve K. Lo, Scorer L. H. Tan. Umpire O. V. Cheong.

The same team, with the exception of Chien Thiam-siew, will represent the University to-day against I.R.C. at Sookunpoo.

ASHEVILLE DEFEATS MINDANAO

U.S.S. Asheville beat U.S.S. Mindanao, by 126 points in a five-game 10-pin friendly match played at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday.

U.S.S. ASHEVILLE	
J. A. Harvey	195 124 178 150 176 823
C. G. Cuning	192 148 187 125 152 804
W. J. Balaski	161 142 163 146 153 764
M. O. Gray	147 152 147 143 117 708
Total	3,099

U.S.S. MINDANAO	
J. T. Sheehan	152 175 152 167 191 837
S. Golden	167 164 138 160 147 776
F. P. Hollis	127 136 180 161 141 725
J. C. Thomas	109 143 137 137 109 635
Total	2,973

OTHER SPORT
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TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Club are expected to conclude their Triangular Rugby Tournament fixtures to-day with a 100 per cent. record. Navy, not possessing a pack strong enough to give their formidable back division the necessary opportunities.

The game, on the Club ground, starts at 4 p.m.

Following are the teams:

CLUB: Thompson, Stewart, Hutchison, Chatter and Buchanan; Thompson and Henderson; Walker (Captain), Castleton and Warkley; Kennedy and Needham; Deane, Taylor and Godfrey.

NAVY: Lieutenant Bax; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Pay Lieutenant Stevens and Mr. Drury; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Commander Clark; L.S.A. Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Biffen, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Chief Writer King, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris, Lieutenant Farnshaw, Pay Lieutenant Charles and Captain McCann, R.M.

Reserve:—A.B. Longmuir and L.A.C. Gale

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Club	3	3	0	44	21	
Army	3	1	2	28	25	
Navy	2	0	2	13	39	

Following will represent Club "A" against Durham Light Infantry at 2.45 p.m.: H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen (Captain), D. Hynes, D. B. Nelson and

Shield Competitions Start

(BY "REFeree")

League football is temporarily suspended and all interest this week and will be centred on the first rounds of the Junior and Senior Shield Competitions.

Cup-tie football is generally accompanied by upsets and the three games this afternoon should produce good football in spite of the lowly positions in the League of some of the competing clubs.

At Boundary Street, Kwong Wah are at home to South China "A" holders of the senior title, and it is generally expected that the latter will win, but Kwong Wah have improved greatly since the last meeting of the two teams in the League and should give a better account of themselves.

S. CHINA AT FULL STRENGTH

South China will be at full strength with Lee Wai-long and Ip Pak-wah back in the attack. Ip has not completely recovered from the injury sustained last Saturday and may be replaced by Lau Chung-sang.

On present form Kowloon should easily account for South China "B", who have shown indifferent form recently.

Kowloon will be represented by their usual team with Eastman and Birch as backs and Bliss, Williamson and Maxwell as their intermediate-line. This trio should be able to hold the Chinese attack.

South China are promoting two of their

R. M. Lavalle; B. C. Fay and C. G. Treslader; J. S. Dunnett, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout; B. Hynes, T. Swan; F. Burford, A. G. Dalziel and J. Redman.

junior players for this game, among whom are Tam Woon-cheung and Luk Tat-hang who will be seen on the left wing.

The Royal Scots Club match should be interesting. Both recorded unexpected wins last week and in the League game recently Club beat Royal Scots by the odd goal in three.

In Junior Division it seems that the only two non-service teams that will survive are South China and International.

South China "B" are meeting the Police and in the absence of any information of their line up it is natural to expect that the "Cops" will enter the second round.

On the other hand South China may have their best Third Division players for the game.

AMBITIOUS INTERNATIONAL

International have roped in all available players not turning out for other clubs and are endeavouring to secure both the Shield and Third Division honours. Elms, formerly of St. Joseph's, is now on their playing list and may turn out.

On Monday the Rest of the Colony meet the United Services in a charity game in aid of the B.W.O.F. at Causeway Bay at 4 p.m.

PROGRAMME

TO-DAY

Senior Shield 1st Round
Kwong Wah v South China "A"
(Boundary Road at 4 p.m.).
South China "B" v Kowloon
(Caroline Hill at 4.00 p.m.).
Royal Scots v Club
(Sookunpoo at 4.00 p.m.).

Junior Shield 1st Round

8th R.A. v R.A.F.
(Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.).
Police v South China "B"
(Boundary Road at 2.30 p.m.).
24th R.A. v Kowloon
(Caroline Hill at 2.30 p.m.).
International v R.A.M.C.
(St. Joseph at 4.00 p.m.).
30th R.A. v Club
(Military at 2.30 p.m.).
Third Division
Kumaons v Royal Scots
(Chatham Road at 2.30 p.m.).

TO-MORROW

Junior Shield 1st Round
Signals v Engineers
(Sookunpoo at 2.30 p.m.).
Electric v South China "A"
(Club at 4.00 p.m.).
Eastern v Kwong Wah
(Club at 2.30 p.m.).

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1940

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
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ADMIRALTY SILENT ON NAME OF TORPEDOED WARSHIP

London, To-day.

THE ADMIRALTY STILL decline to name the British battleship which was hit, but not sunk, by a German torpedo off the west coast of Scotland yesterday.

No comment is made on the Nazi claim that the battleship was one of the Queen Elizabeth class. These ships consist of Queen Elizabeth, Warspite, Malaya, Valiant and Barham, all of which mount eight 15-inch guns, and are all modernised ships from the Great War era.

IL DUCE AND VATICAN: YES OR NO?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

VATICAN CITY, TO-DAY.
IT IS CONFIRMED THAT MUSSOLINI IS TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE POPE EARLY IN JANUARY, AND WILL ALSO MEET CARDINAL LUIGI MAGLIONE, PAPAL SECRETARY OF STATE (FOREIGN MINISTER).

This will be Il Duce's second visit to the Vatican since the signature of the Lateran Accords on November 2, 1929, by which Italy recognised the Pope's sovereignty over the Vatican State.

Local political quarters emphasise

The Admiralty announcement on the torpedoing was issued at 2.12 yesterday afternoon, and merely stated:

"A torpedo attack has been made on a British battleship by a U-boat.

"Some damage was caused and three men killed.

"The next of kin of the casualties will be informed as soon as possible."

It is learned in London that the torpedoed battleship is safe and is proceeding on her course. — Reuter.

the Holy See's desire further to develop friendly relations with Fascism. — Havas.

ROME DENIAL

Rome, To-day.

Reports that Mussolini will visit the Pope are stated by high official Italian circles to be entirely unfounded. — Reuter.

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Shanghai, To-day.

The departure of the British Ambassador for Chungking has been postponed till to-morrow (Sunday). — Reuter.

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that the British battleship which was hit by a Nazi torpedo on Thursday afternoon has reached harbour under her own steam.

The battleship is not seriously damaged, but one additional rating is reported missing, believed killed, and another seriously injured.

This brings the total casualties to four missing, believed dead, and one seriously injured. — Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

That there is no immediate prospect of peace, and that the Japanese will make a final great attempt to crush Chinese resistance during the coming year, are the two principal expressions of opinion made by competent Chinese observers here speculating on what the New Year has in store for China.

It is thought that Japanese efforts will be based on the following lines of action:

Firstly, a drive from Hankow towards Canton, in order to complete the occupation of the Hankow-Canton railway, with both columns effecting a junction at Hanyang, in south Hunan.

Secondly, a drive from north Hunan westward via Changteh, on the west shore of Tungting Lake.

Thirdly, a drive northward from Nanning towards Liuchow and Kweilin, in north Kwangsi.

Fourthly, a drive westward from Nanning towards the Wunnan border.

Fifthly, a drive westward from Hankow towards Shasi and Ichang.

Sixthly, a drive westward from Sinyang towards Siangying and Fancheng.

Seventhly, a drive from Shansi towards Sian, capital of Shensi.

It is believed, however, that none of these campaigns would be very easy, as strong Chinese forces have been concentrated at key points in anticipation of any such possible moves. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The German Freedom Station announced last night that 77 persons are officially admitted to have been executed in Germany between the outbreak of war and Christmas.

The broadcast said: "Almost every day one person has fallen victim to Hitler's new decrees, which render even the most insignificant offenders liable to the death penalty, but the day is not far distant when we ourselves shall sit in judgment over the crime — the crime which Hitler has committed — and then neither he nor Goering and Goebbels will escape us." — Reuter

London, To-day.

Speculation has arisen, says a naval correspondent, regarding the slight damage apparently caused to the British battleship struck by a torpedo.

In the last war the larger warships were provided with torpedo nets of steel wire rigged out around the vessel. These were discarded because they were found too cumbersome in action.

Instead bulges were introduced and built in the sides of ships, so that a torpedo would explode outside the real hull and the damage would reduce the speed of the ship by only one knot.

It is therefore assumed, adds the correspondent, that the bulges in the battleship have proved their efficacy as protection against torpedoes, and that the fabric and vital parts of the ship were not damaged.

Since the last war the development of bulges has advanced considerably, and it is claimed that a warship with bulges could endure repeated torpedo attacks. — Reuter.

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